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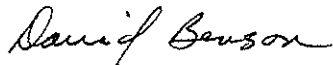
Re: North Pacific Fishery Management Council List of Nominees

Dear Governor Gregoire,

I recently received a copy of your letter to Dr. Hogarth with the list of four candidates recommended for consideration to a three year term on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Please accept my gratitude for the confidence you have shown in me by placing my name at the top of the list. If appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, I will continue to work with Washington's stakeholders in a manner that protects the resource and provides fair treatment for each sector of our industry.

I appreciate the interest you have shown in distant water fishery issues during your tenure as Governor. It is refreshing to have such capable and engaged people representing WDF&W on the Council and I look forward to working with them and you for another three years.

Sincerely,



David Benson

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